

Imagine with what dire dismay  
Old Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John,  
Could they come but see their earth-to-day,  
Would they view the present going-in—  
Where once they walked, or rode on asses  
The engine whistle cuts the wind,  
And new deciples, fixed with passes  
Course because the train's behind.

And those wise men: imagine them,  
Following the guiding star—  
To the rose and field on Bethlehem—  
On the top shelf of a sleeping car!  
And think of Solomon, the great,  
Laying, craftily, his dimes,  
To get some kind of special rates  
For all his wives and concubines.

do not suppose that any one of us would give up this search if the least chance remained? But the guide knows best."

And yet as he uttered his melancholy remonstancce, there was a sound from over the neighboring ice-doe hard to credit to even the most eerie of Swiss breezes.

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